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AMENDMENT AND COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the Office Action was due December 10, 2002. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for Three-Months Extension of Time and the required fee. Therefore, a response is now due March 10, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 9, lines 11-14, please amend the paragraph to the following:

"Figure 13. Inhibition of apoptosis in retinal ganglion cells in co-cultures incubated under stress conditions in the presence of specific inhibitors of TNF- α or iNOS. The activity of TNF- α was neutralized using a specific antibody (10 μ g/ml) and iNOS was inhibited using a selective inhibitor, 1400W (2.5 μ M)."